

AGN. NO. _____

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH AND
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AUGUST 4, 2009

Amendment to Item 7:

In August of 2006, the Board approved the exemption of Sheriff's custody facilities from its adopted policy as it relates to the percentage of healthy choices in vending machines for a variety of reasons. The motion before us is consistent with that policy.

The reasons the Sheriff was exempted from providing only healthy choices are that it would limit the Sheriff's ability to use the vending machines as a source of rewarding good behavior and disciplining disruptive behavior, that they would potentially lose revenue generated from the vending machines which is used for inmate services and programs, that fresh fruit would increase the presence and use of "pruno" which is jail house liquor and that custody facilities are already mandated to offer three nutritional meals in accordance with State and federal nutritional guidelines.

As society has grown increasingly conscious of the health risks associated with their preferred foods, food manufacturers are competing to produce items that are lower in calories, such as baked chips, without sacrificing flavor. It is prudent for the County to provide the Sheriff with the opportunity to reevaluate his concerns as the food market changes.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors to move the item and amend item 1 of the motion to read as follows:

Ensure that future procurement and contractual negotiations for the operation of vending machines within the County facilities specify a requirement for 100% healthy food and beverage options consistent with the State of California's Nutrition Guidelines. Said policy shall also apply to the vending machines in Sheriff's custody facilities, excluding fresh fruit, for a 6 month pilot followed by a report on any operation and/or fiscal impacts experienced during the pilot.

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